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GRUZUGOL' COMBINE EXCEEDS 1951 FIRST-QUARTER PLAN

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.

On 28 March, the Gruzugol' Combine completed the 1951 first-quarter plan for coal output, considerably exceeding the output of the first quarter of 1950. The combine also fulfilled the March plan ahead of schedule. The Tk-varchelugol' and Tkibulugol' trusts exceeded both the quarter plan and the March plan for coal output.(1) Labor productivity of the Georgian miners is constantly growing and amounted to 104.4 percent of the plan in the first quarter for the Tkibulugol' Trust (2) and was 53 percent higher than in the pre-war period for the Tkvarcheli mines.(3)

Miners of the Akhiblara Mine in Tkvarcheli completed the quarter plan on 5 March, being the first in the area to attain this achievement. (4) The Mine imeni Stalin was the first in Tkvarcheli to introduce a cutting and loading machine. The aggregate consisted of two specially equipped cutting machines operating a combination with a scraper conveyer. The coal output in the section where this machine was used increased considerably, even in the very first days of its operations. (5)

The Mine imeni Lenin of the Tkibuli Trust completed 1950 successfully and its success is continuing in 1951, during the first 2 months of which it completed the production program 114.3 percent. The miners have put 2.5 kilometers of haulage passage in order, repaired five electric locomotives, and started operating ten new scraper conveyers. In 1950, more than 25 percent of the crosscuts in the mine workings were unsatisfactory, but at present, this figure has been reduced to a little above 6 percent. Much attention has been paid to improving work organization in development work. Multipurpose brigades have been created to handle all development work. (6)

Four sections of the Tkibuli Mine imeni Stalin are working coal seams with hydraulic backfilling of the worked-out area. As a result of the introduction of this method, tens of thousands of tons of coal are recovered which formerly would have remained underground.(7)

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Georgian miners have resolved to complete the 1951 plan ahead of schedule. Workers in all Georgian mines have answered the challenge of the Kuzbass and Stalino Oblast by entering into extensive competition to exceed the production plan, to improve exploitation of modern technical devices, and to mobilize all production reserves. (2)

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